

), the humiliate of foes, the traverser of the heavens,, the dweller in the clouds, whose commands are not to be disobeyed.

3. We solicit that INDRA for wealth, comprehending numerous descendants, followers, and much cattle, and which is undisturbed, imperishable, and the source of felicity: such riches, lord of steeds, bestow upon us to make us happy.

4. If, INDRA, thy worshippers have formerly obtained felicity, confer that also upon us: irresistible INDRA, subduer of foes, invoked of many, abounding in wealth, what is the portion, what the offering (due) to thee who art the slayer of the *Asuras*]

5. He whose ceremonial and eulogistic hymn is commemorating INDRA, the bolder of the thunderbolt, seated in his car, the acceptor of many, the doer of many great deeds, the bestower of strength, proceeds promptly to acquire happiness, and encounters (with confidence) the malevolent

6. Self-invigorated INDRA, thou hast rushed by thy knotted (thunderbolt), quick as thought, that VRITRA, growing in strength by this cunning :¹ very radiant and mighty (!NDRA), thou hast demolished by (thine) irresistible (shaft) the unyielding, compact, and strong (cities of the *Asuras*).

7. (I have undertaken) to spread around with a new hymn, as it was done of old, (the glory of) thee, the ancient and most mighty (!NDRA): may that INDRA, who is illimitable, and is a sure conveyance, bear us over all difficulties.

¹ *Ayd mdyayd vavfidkdnam*, by this guile or deception,

but what that w_a^* is not specified.